

CARR-1603

1136-1138 Main Street, Hampstead

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**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. CARR-1603

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Sykes House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 1136-1138 South Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Hampstead ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Dudley

street & number 1138 South Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Hampstead state and zip code Maryland 21074

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 1900

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 449

city, town Westminster state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE ATTACHED

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE ATTACHED

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7,221 sq. ft.Quadrangle name HampsteadQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short, Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date May 27, 1999street & number 225 North Center Street telephone (410) 386-2145city or town Westminster state Maryland

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Description

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The Sykes House is located at 1136-38 Main Street in Hampstead in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The house is located on the west side of the street and faces east toward the street. It is a 2 story four bay by one bay wood structure with asbestos shingle siding and a gable roof of standing seam metal with a north/south ridge. There is an interior brick chimney in the center. On the east elevation, the first story has from south to north a door with one light over several panels; a 2/2 sash; another door with one light over several panels and another 2/2 sash. There is a 1 story four bay shed roof porch with standing seam metal and five square boxed posts. The second story has a 2/2 sash in the south/south center and between the north/north center bays. There is a wood box cornice. The north elevation has a 2/2 sash on the first story and no opening on the second story. There is a vent in the gable end. There is a shed roof wing attached to the west elevation that has a 2/2 sash on both the first and second stories of the north elevation. This wing has standing seam metal roofing. On the west elevation, the first story has a 2/2 sash to the north with an enclosed porch south of it and no opening to the south of the porch. The second story has a 2/2 sash in both the north and south bays. The north center bay has a small 1/1 sash and the south center bay has a 6-light casement window. The south elevation of the main block is identical to the north elevation. Contributing resources 1.

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John Sykes seems to have been in constant financial trouble. In 1848, he turned the Sykes House over to trustees, and two years later it was sold to Elizabeth Armacost. This deed is also not recorded, but is alluded to in later deeds. Six months later the Armacosts sold the property to Mary Sykes, John's wife. The property is shown on the 1862 map. Given a second chance, John Sykes seems to have gotten his finances in order, as he and his wife retained the property until 1870. At that time, they sold it to Keziah Murray. A widow who was probably making this her home. It is a common pattern for the widows of farmers to move into town, in some instances building a new house for their self in the process. Nothing is known of Keziah Murray at this time, but this may be the same pattern. In this instance she bought an existing dwelling, and lived there until her death. The house remained in the Murray family until 1937, and seems to have had only minor changes on the exterior.

**Geographic Organization:**

Piedmont

**Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

**Historic Period Themes:**

Architecture

**Resource Type:**

Rural Vernacular

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Bibliography

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Carroll County Land Records  
1862 & 1877 Maps

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, "Hampstead", 1911

Carroll County Circuit Court, Equity 230, Chancery 5-118



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## TITLE SEARCH

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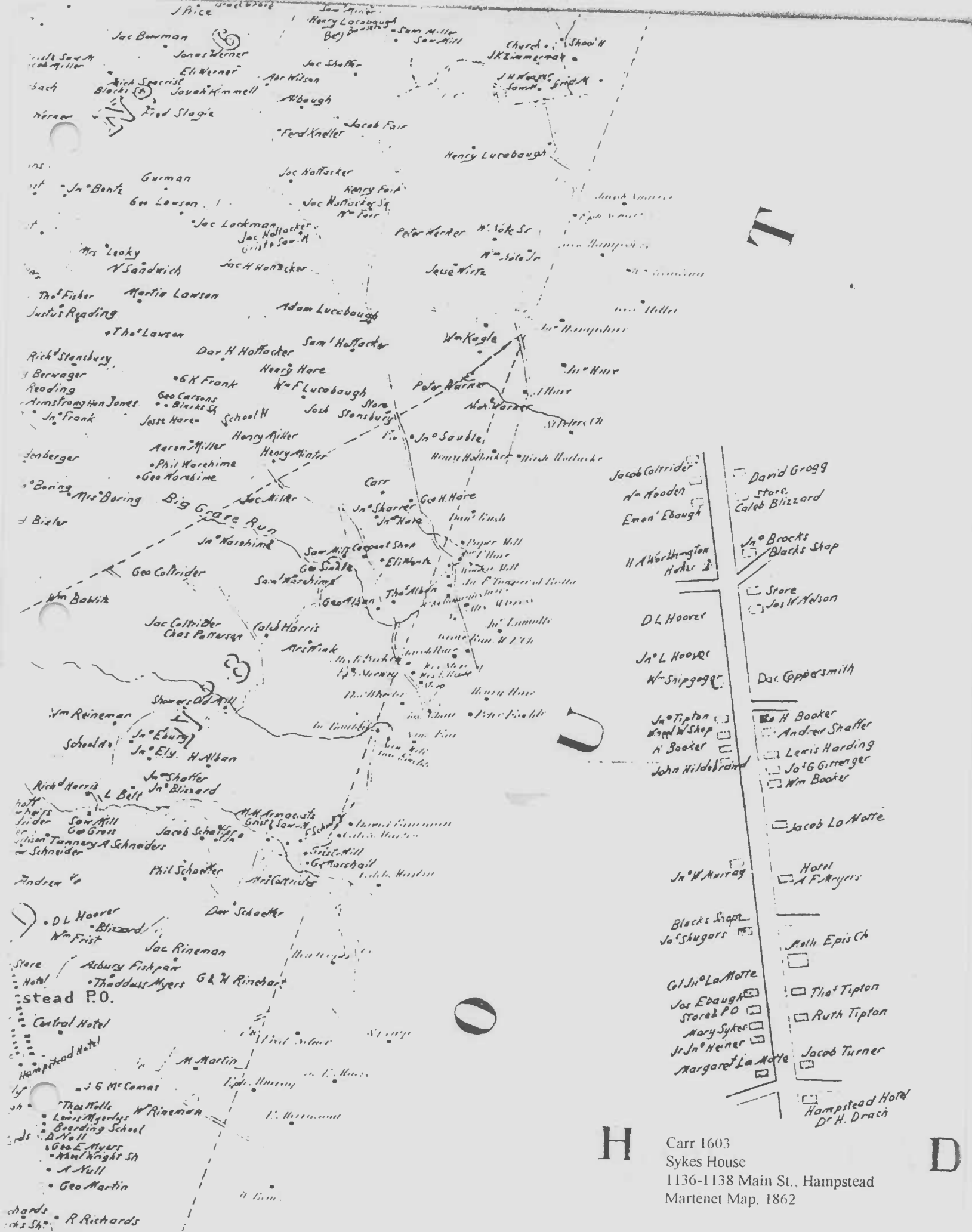
GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Ensor, George Bryan & Frances Marie, wife and Lorraine V. Bell, by Frances M. Ensor, POA	?	Dudlext, Robert	?	3/17/1997	1900	449	\$77,000 Deed in fee simple	Parcel contains 7,221 sq. ft. of land - Part of a 1.0566 acre tract with division line
Seifert, Craig Bartel & Joan Ellison	Carroll	Ensor, George Bryan, Frances Marie, wife & Lorraine V. Bell	?	10/20/1983	847	537	\$58,000 Deed in fee simple	Same description as above - including VA loan assumption for \$42,000
Steger, Paul E. Jr. & Barbara E., wife	Carroll	Seifert, Craig Bartel & Joan Ellison	?	1/11/1979	730	713	\$42,000 Deed in fee simple	Refers to 2 lots, as 1 parcel description as above
Steger, Paul E. & Carolyn L., wife	Baltimore County	Steger, Paul E. Jr. & Barbara E., wife	Carroll	1/17/1975	586	199	\$10.00, Deed in fee simple 586/201 is \$10,600	Lots as described above, survey dated 6/13/10\972 by J. H. Rife surveyor #2537 (mortgage agreement)
North Carroll Investment Corp. ( a Md. Corp.)	?	Steger, Paul E. & Carolyn L., wife	Baltimore County	6/30/1972	515	505	\$10.00 Deed fee in simple	Parcel described as above 4F515/507 stipulates a mortgage of \$11,500 for property.

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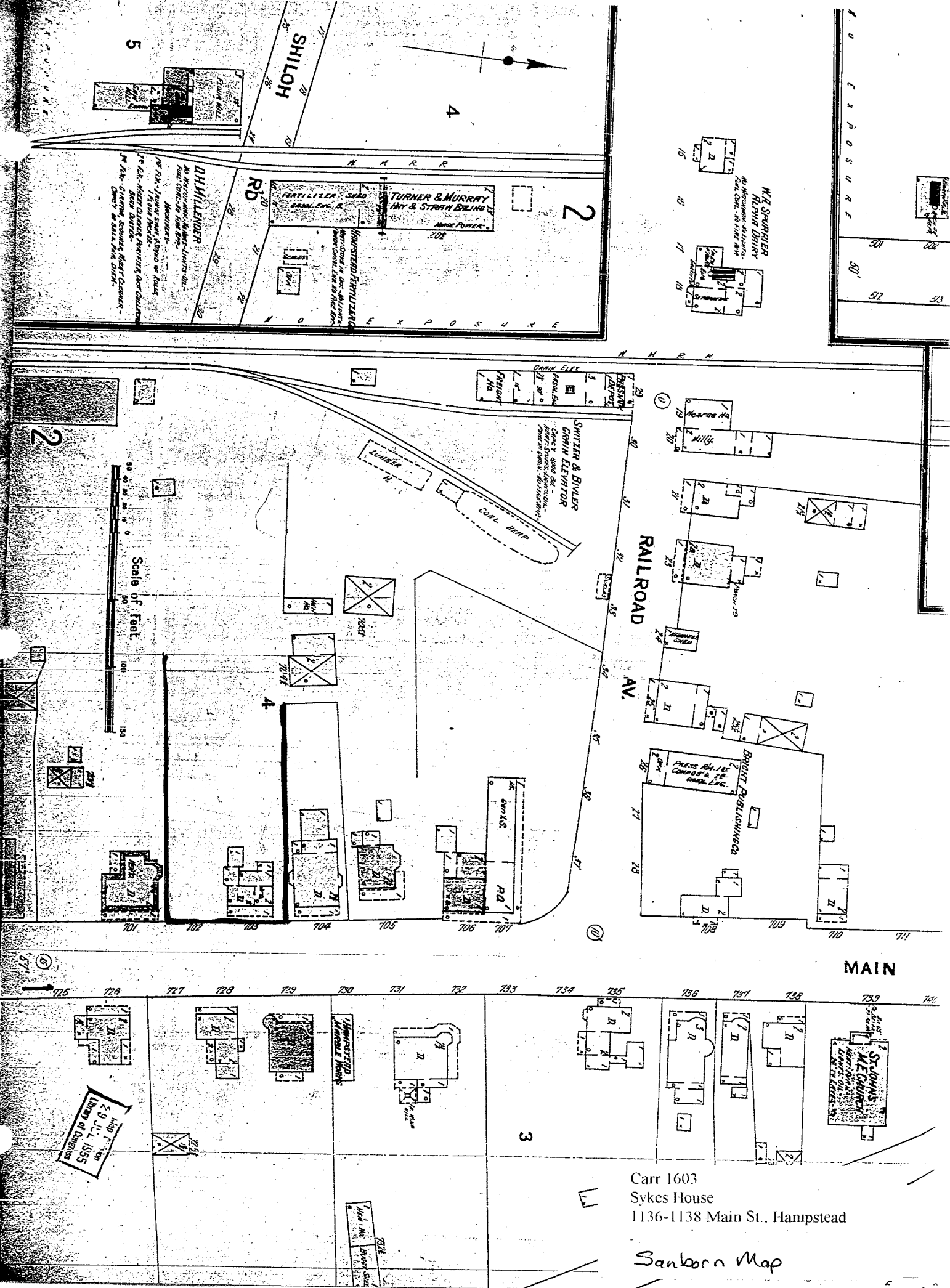
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Georgia P. Thomson	?	North Carroll Investment Corp.	?	2/15/1972	505	165	\$10.00 Deed in fee simple	Parcel described as 2 lots: 1 <sup>st</sup> 50 ft main St. frontage by 175 ft deep containing 8,750 sq. ft.
Stewart L. Thomson, Executor for Minnie V. Snyder, et al	Carroll	Georgia P. Thomson	?	10/31/1968	445	565	\$7,750.00 Deed in fee	This deed conveys 2 lots: 1 <sup>st</sup> 50' x 175' with 8750 sq. ft & 2 <sup>nd</sup> in rear of 1 <sup>st</sup> lot containing 8,281 sq. ft. - this was part of estate settlement for Minnie V. Snyder. Will dated 12/10/1948
Berthie E. Stone & Clayton C. Stone, husband. Rose L. Kemper & Benjamin A. Kemper, husband	Carroll	G. P. Thomson was a substitute purchaser approved by order of Orphan's Court 9/16/1968						
Leister, Michael D., Executor for J. Frank Switzer	Carroll and late of Carroll	Snyder, Howard S. & Minnie V. wife, Berthie E. Stone, daughter, Rose L. Kemper, daughter		12/23/1941	177	481	\$1510.00 Deed in fee with easement, 4 ft	





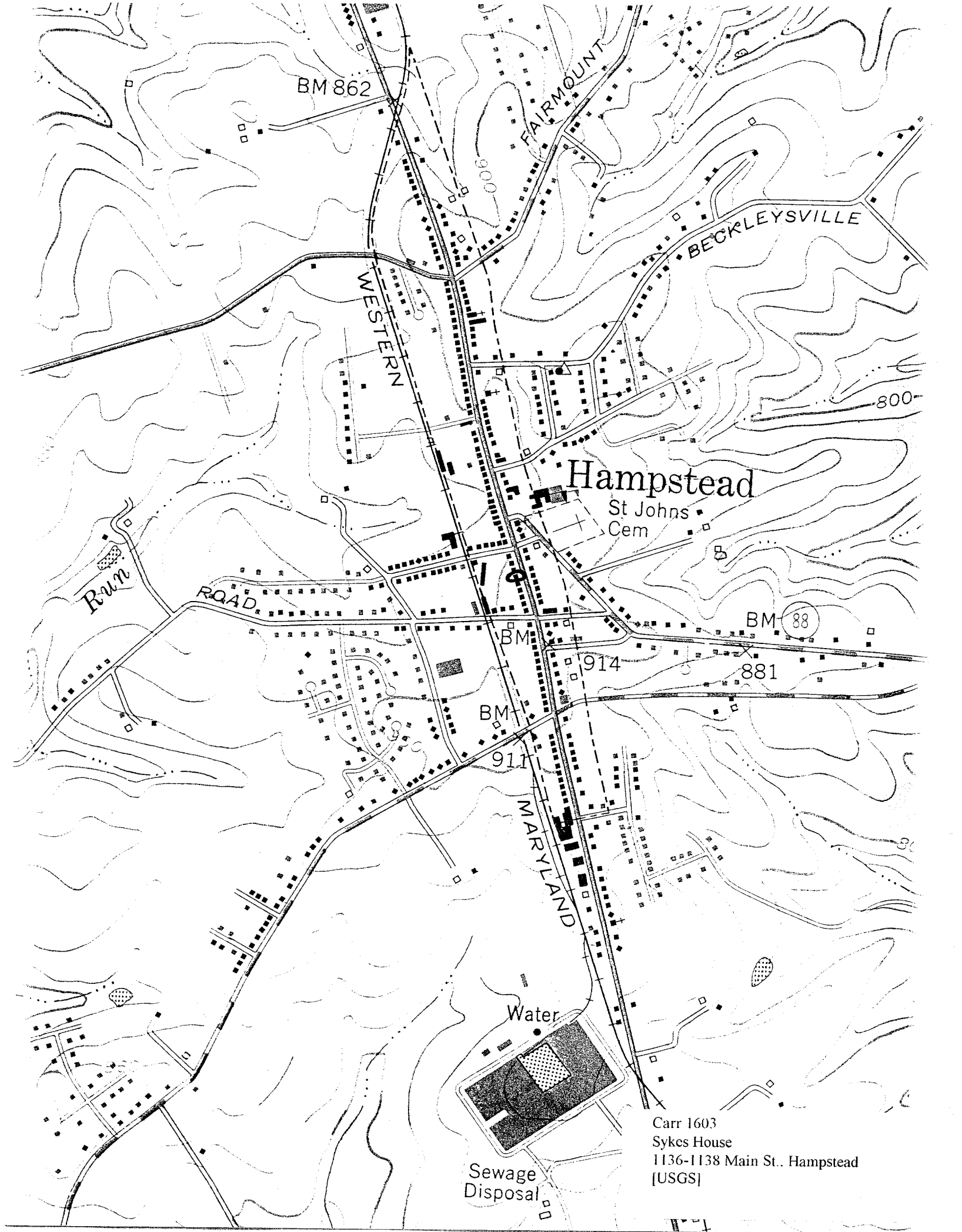
1911



Carr 1603  
Sykes House  
1136-1138 Main St., Hampstead

Sanborn Map









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SYKES HOUSE

1136-1138 SOUTH MAIN STREET

HAMPSTEND, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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